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Sir,

The Korean National Convention which has been in session in Frenchtown for several months completed its work a few days ago. Many subjects are reported to have been discussed at the Convention, including proposals for the re-organization of the Korean Provisional Government. These discussions revealed considerable differences of opinion among the delegates who are divided into three parties. The strongest party, which has Communist sympathies and is well supplied with funds, demanded that the independence movement ~~should~~ be remodeled in accordance with their views. The second strongest party advocate the shaping of the independence movement on democratic lines, while the third and weakest party consisting of the Old Provisional Government consider that they should be allowed to retain power, but should be strengthened with financial support from the other parties. Han Hyung Kuon (韓亨權), who was sent to Moscow by the Korean Provisional Government, to get financial support about three years ago and received about \$200,000 from the Soviet Government partly for the Communist propaganda and partly for the Korean revolutionary work, is the leader ~~of the strongest party~~ of the strongest party. Kim Hai (金海), who acted as representative of Korea in Paris during the Peace Conference and Wong Sz Neon (元世勳), a Korean Communist leader in Siberia, are his chief lieutenants. The middle party is led by Ahn Chong Ho (安昌浩), Ex-Minister of Labour in the Korean Provisional Government, who has a large following

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in the Northern part of Korea, Li Taik (李鐸), ex-Chief of the Military Commission in Manchuria, and Kim Dong San (金東三), a big leader of Koreans in North Chientao, Manchuria. The leaders of the third party are Song Jung Do (孫貞道), ex-Minister of Communications in the Korean Provisional Government, Oho Sang Sub (趙尚學), a member of the Korean Senate, and Li Eyu Pil (李祐弼), ex-Vice Minister of Finance in the Korean Provisional Government. Taking advantage of the absence of the other two parties at one sitting of the Convention the strongest party passed a resolution in favour of the re-organization of the Provisional Government and its policy. This displeased the other two parties whose delegates withdrew from the Convention. The expenses of the Convention and the delegates were paid by the strongest party which, however, withdrew all financial help after the crisis described. Han Hyung Kuon (韓亨權) appeared to be the man who controlled the purse. The Convention has left the local Korean community torn asunder with dissension, and it is not improbable that this feature of the matter will cause trouble in the future. It is also reported that the strongest party has already organized a new Korean Government, but no official announcement has yet been made on this subject.

The mass meeting organized by the National Salvation Society, No. 1298 Avenue Edward VII, at 8 p.m. June 18, to protest against the seizure of power by Tsuchum Tsao Kun of Chili was